

GERMANS GET READY TO STRIKE

Preparing to Launch Furious Offensive
Along Fifteen Mile Front in Cham-
pagne; French Expect Blow
to Fall Before Night

KING IS ABSENT AT PARLIAMENT OPENING

Still Suffers From Recent Fall; Austrian
Aeroplanes Again Bombard Italians;
Berlin Paper Says Lusitania
Proposals Satisfactory

By United Press.
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Germans
are preparing to launch a still greater
offensive on the western front than
they have yet attempted, according to
dispatches received today.

It is reported that the Germans are
ready to make a tremendous effort in
the Champagne region to hurl back
the French along a fifteen-mile front
from the Chalons railway.

Since early yesterday morning the
Germans have been hurling thousands
of high explosive shells into the
French positions, concentrating their
fire on Thure and the sector east of
the Navarin farm.

Information from Paris says the
French there expect the blow to fall
before night.

Agree About Lusitania.

By United Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Ambassador
Bernstorff has notified the foreign of-
fice that the United States has yielded
to Germany and will not press further
the unacceptable portion of her Lusitania
proposals, according to an article
printed by the Lokal Anzeiger today.

The case will probably be closed by
Germany's forthcoming note to the
United States government, according to
the newspaper quoted.

Parliament Convened.

By United Press.
LONDON, Feb. 15.—For the first
time since the reign of Queen Victoria
parliament reassembled today with the
sovereign absent.

The royal commission conducted the
formal opening ceremonies in the place
of the king.

It is understood that King George
is still suffering from the effects of his
recent fall from a horse on the western
front.

Italian City Bombarded.

By United Press.
ROME, Feb. 15.—Austrian aero-
planes bombarded the Italian city of
Schie Monday. It is reported that six
persons were killed and several wound-
ed.

Protests German Order.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—
Senator Sterling introduced a resolu-
tion today protesting against the
United States recognition of Germany's
order to torpedo armed merchantmen
after March 1.

ENGINE TROUBLE DELAYS TRAIN.

North bound Rock Island passenger
train No. 24 was one hour and ten
minutes late into Chickasha this after-
noon. The delay was caused through
engine trouble at Rush Springs. A
freight engine was cut loose from its
train at Rush Springs and brought the
passenger train to Ninkah at which
point a relief engine sent out from
Chickasha met the train and brought
it into this city.

EVENTS IN THE WAR

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

The greatest air raid in history
to date was made on Ger-
man positions in Ostend, Ze-
brugge, Ghistelies, Middel-
kerke and other Belgian towns
by German captured Plock and
Bielak, in Poland. The Rus-
sian retreat from East Prus-
sia continued. Greece was con-
centrating 20,000 troops at Sa-
lonica.

RECOVERS STOLEN CAR.

The car stolen from in front of the
Baptist church Sunday evening, has
been recovered by the owner, J. D.
Buls. Inquiries made when the car
was first missed by the owner devel-
oped that three boys had been seen
turning west on Choctaw avenue in a
car earlier in the evening. Following
this trail the car was found near the
corner of Eighth street on Choctaw
avenue. No damage had been done to
the car, save the breaking of the con-
nections used in throwing the lights
on and off.

Sheriff Hodge Bailey left this after-
noon for Shawnee, where he goes for
a prisoner under arrest in that city
and thought to be the man who burglar-
ized a store at Amber Sunday night.
The man under arrest in Shawnee gave
his name to the officers as J. D.
Mackey.

OFFENDERS ARE FINED BY MAYOR

Police Judge Declares Law Against Speed-
ing and Jaying Will Be Enforced to
Letter; Double Dose for
Second Time

"You bet we are going to enforce
the law against jay driving, corner
cutting and speeding," said Mayor Coff-
man this morning. "I was elected on
the platform of 'equal rights to all
and special privileges to none' and on
that platform I am going to thresh out
this matter. No, I have experienced
little trouble in the matter. One man
got a little bit peevish but he soon saw
the error of his ways. One man in-
timated when fined, that he had voted
for me for this office. I thanked him
and asked him if he had not voted for
me because he thought I would give
the city and every one in the city a
square deal? He came through. Here's
the record of this morning's proceed-
ings. One case you will note there was
settled yesterday at the afternoon ses-
sion of the police court."

The court records show, R. H. Tur-
ner, cutting corners, fined \$5; H. C.
Nichols, cutting corners, motorcycle,
fine \$5; Hardy and McGinley, fighting,
fines \$5 each; Rufe Ireton, drunk,
fine \$5.

Mayor Coffman stated that Chief
Phillips had taken up the matter of
placing certain kinds of obstruction at
different street intersections, said ob-
structions to be so arranged that all
drivers would be forced to drive to the
right. The mayor stated that he did
not believe the police department and
the executive department would be au-
thorized to do this—that the city gov-
ernment would have no right to ob-
struct the thoroughfares. Further, the
mayor said that he believed such ob-
structions would be disregarded by
auto drivers and the drivers of all
other kinds of vehicles.

The mayor further said that the or-
dinance regulating jay driving would
be enforced from now on and that any
"two times offenders" would be han-
dled to the tune of fines in double
amount—\$10.

G. O. P. IN N. Y. MEET

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The key
note of Republican national prin-
ciples in the presidential campaign this
year was expected to be sounded in
the state platform to be adopted by
New York Republicans in state con-
vention at Carnegie hall here today.
The so called Big Four delegates to
the National Republican convention
in Chicago are to be named today and
ratified at the April 4th primaries.

Ellihu Root opened the convention
as temporary chairman. Senator
Wadsworth and Governor Whitman
have been mentioned as possible dele-
gates at large. Root and William Berri-
of Brooklyn and David Jayne Hill of
Rochester have also been mentioned
as possible delegates. Wm. Barnes of
Albany has declined to be a delegate.
The delegation is expected to go to
Chicago unopposed. The convention
today is expected to commend Gov-
ernor Whitman's state administration.
Whitman has abandoned his presiden-
tial aspirations for this year, he has
announced.

RUINS OF CANADA'S BEAUTIFUL PARLIAMENT BUILDING



The still smoking ruins here shown is all that remains of the beautiful house of parliament of the Dominion of Canada at Ottawa, Ont. The building was destroyed by fire said to have been of incendiary origin.

SPELLING CONTEST.

County Superintendent Shepard left
Chickasha this morning on a short trip
to different country schools where the
pupils will be desirous of entering the
spelling contest to be pulled off in
Chickasha March 22-24.

Mr. Shepard stated that a large
number of the rural schools have pu-
pils who will become contestants in
the March spelling contest.

BIG AREA IS FLOODED BY BREAK

By United Press.
NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 15.—The
main levee on the Mississippi river
broke this morning at a point 25 miles
above St. Joseph, La., and water
is reported to be pouring through an
immense crevasse.

According to dispatches, 20,000
acres of land have already been in-
undated. The break is said to be the
most serious since the flood stage of
the river reached this vicinity.

It is feared that St. Joseph, Water-
proof and Newellton will be destroyed.
It is not thought that any lives were
lost as the warnings of the past few
days caused the inhabitants to seek
places of safety.

20 LOST IN MINE FIRE

By United Press.
BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Twenty per-
sons perished in a fire in the Penn-
sylvania mine here last night, according
to the latest reports.

Several miners lost their lives while
attempting to rescue men who were
penned in the lower levels of the mine.
The fire is still burning.

DIPLOMAT FOR SEC'Y?

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—It
is reported in well informed circles to-
day that President Wilson is seriously
considering offering war portfolio to
Morganthau, ambassador to Turkey.
The latter is now en route here from
Constantinople.

Another angle developed when it
was stated that the president was an-
xious for a prominent middle-west law-
yer in the cabinet. This report boomed
the stock of former Governor Harmon
of Ohio.

FARM LOAN MEASURE IS FAVORED

Senate Committee Reports Rural Credits
Bill; Promises Farmers Five Percent
Money; Will Be Advanced
on Calendar

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The
senate committee today favorably re-
ported the Hollis rural credits bill,
which promises loans to farmers at not
over 5 per cent.

Because of the non-partisan support
which it has, the bill is due to receive
an advantageous position on the cal-
endar.

The bill proposes to establish a non-
partisan farm loan board, with the se-
cretary of the treasury as a member
and the others to be appointed by the
president.

The board would grant charters to
farm loan banks which would take
mortgages from actual farmers and
issue bonds. The committee claims
that this plan would popularize farm
loans all over the country.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Wednesday, fair.
Local Temperature.
During twenty-four hours ending 8
a. m. today:
Maximum, 53 degrees.
Minimum, 23 degrees.

MIRKO OF MONTENEGRO



Prince Mirko of Montenegro is sup-
posed to be in the hands of the Aus-
trians and it is reported that, as he
has had leanings toward the Teuton
cause, he will be made king of a re-
organized Montenegro.

CHICKASHA MAN A DESERTER.

The army department of the United
States has sent out descriptive cir-
culars asking for the apprehension of
one William E. Scanlen, charged with
being a deserter from Co. E, Second U.
S. Infantry; time and place of deser-
tion, the Presidio, Cal., April 14, 1915.
At time of enlistment, June 10, 1911,
Scanlen gave his place of residence
as Chickasha, Okla.

PREDICTS DIVISION OF CHINA

By United Press.
LONDON, Feb. 15.—China will be
split into two republics as a result of
the revolution that has been started
in the Province of Yunnan, it is pre-
dicted by a well informed Englishman
arriving here from Hong Kong.

The government officials of several
southern provinces are alleged to have
secretly pledged their support to the
Yunnan revolutionists if they should
defeat the government forces sent
against them.

No important battles have yet been
fought, but the rebels are reported to
be gaining followers. The Englishman
reports that Emperor Yuan Shi Kai
realizes the hopelessness of the situa-
tion in the south and is trying to con-
solidate his position in the north.

POLICE FIND RED TRAIL

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—It is reported
that the police have traced the trail
of the "Destroyers," an anarchistic
organization, sworn to the destruction
of the church, from Italy to New York
and thence across America.

It is believed that the poison placed
in the soup at the banquet given in
honor of Archbishop Mundelein and
numerous fires in local churches were
parts of the plots of the organization.

OLD HEADS PLAY STUDES

A fierce basket ball battle is ex-
pected to be pulled off at the high
school given tonight at 8 o'clock when
the C. H. S. boys clash with a team
of "old heads," composed mostly of
alumni of the school. The price of ad-
mission will be 10 cents for adults and
5 cents for students. The line-up
will be as follows:

High School—L. Gardner, Walter
Griffith, Dan Riddle, J. B. Hill, Howard
Maier.

"Old Heads"—A. Chalfant, B. Coch-
ran, Pete Heffner, Dick Wooten, Bert
Siddons, Ray Worlick and others.

SHERIFF BAILEY TO ANADARKO.

Sheriff Hodge Bailey went to Ana-
darks yesterday as a witness in the
matter of the State of Oklahoma vs.
Jap Wooten. Wooten is charged with
breaking into the depot at Cement and
stealing 17 gallons of kerosene from the
mountains of Kentucky. The offense
was committed just before Christmas
time and Sheriff Bailey and Deputy
Castelman were the officers who ar-
rested Wooten in Chickasha shortly
after the commission of the offense.

VISITS TUTTLE CLUB.

Mrs. Martin Coryell left yesterday
for Tuttle, where she was called to
visit the girl's club of that city. Mrs.
Coryell stated before leaving that the
girl's club at Tuttle is one of the
strongest and most progressive in the
county.

DAN BEETS GETS BUSY WITH DRAG

Commissioner Does Good Work on Unpaved
Streets; Orders Implements for Use
in City; Proposes to Get
All Poll Tax

Dan Beets, street commissioner, has
started in doing some good work on
the unpaved streets of the city. Dur-
ing the past couple of days Commis-
sioner Beets has been going over all
streets outside the paved district,
with a heavy drag. This drag has done
some very effective work in the matter
of filling holes, leveling the streets
and bringing the same to a crown in
the center.

Mr. Beets has completed the work
of dragging the streets in Frisco ad-
dition and has done some good work
on the extension of Iowa avenue. In
the matter of dragging on Iowa ave-
nue, Mr. Beets has had the co-opera-
tion of Jim Hill, who has charge of
the county's end of the work along that
thoroughfare near the city limits.

Commissioner Beets has been forced
to use a borrowed drag in doing this
work, but it is understood that he has
placed an order for two drags to be
owned and used by the city, and that
these implements will be here within
a short time. In addition to the drags,
the street commissioner will have a
complete line of slips, scrapers,
shovels and other street improvement
implements on hand with the coming
of March 1st at which date he will
start in real earnest in the matter of
street work.

The commissioner states that, with
the co-operation of the mayor, he pro-
poses to either collect or work out all
poll tax for the coming year, collecting
or having worked every dollar which
may be due the city for the year 1916,
from this source.

"Pay your poll tax and have good
streets," Mr. Beets says will be his
slogan.

ASK FOR DAMAGES

Through his attorneys, Fiddle and
Hammerly, L. C. Linn has filed suit in
the district court against the Chick-
asha Gas and Electric company in
which he seeks to recover damages in
the sum of \$700 for destruction of
crops during the season of 1915.

Plaintiff in his petition alleges that
the defendant company, at some prior
period constructed, or caused to be con-
structed a dam across the Washita
river near the city of Chickasha; that
he, the defendant, is the owner of 20
acres of land located north of the said
dam; that during the high water in the
month of June, 1915, the dam placed
across the river by the defendant com-
pany was the cause of the water back-
ing up and overflowing said tract of
land; that the land was at the time
planted to Irish potatoes and cotton
and that the said crops of potatoes and
cotton were damaged in the amount for
which damages is sought.

FIGHT IS POSTPONED.

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Willard
Moran fight has been postponed till
March 24 as a result of the illness of
Willard, who caught cold while in
Chicago.

WOMEN OF RUSSIA WIN WAR HONOR

Valorous Conduct on Battlefield May Re-
sult in Political Emancipation; Strong
Sentiment for Suffrage in
Czar's Realm

ARGUMENT SILENT BUT POWERFUL

Regulations Forbidding Female Military
Service Disregarded and Records Reveal
Brave Deeds of Countless Heroines
in Bloody Struggle

(United Press Correspondence.)
PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—(By Mail.)

Russian women are winning their
emancipation on the battlefield. The
same autocratic Russia that abolished
vodka in a night will think twice about
equal suffrage after the war, it became
known today. Inquiry in official cir-
cles tends to the belief that there is
an overwhelming sentiment for re-
warding the Russian women, at least
those of the educated classes, for their
valorous conduct under the guns.

The big war has brought the Rus-
sian woman to the fore. The tradition-
al comradeship of Russian brothers
and sisters in home life, the co-educational
facilities of Russian universities,
the capabilities of Russian women gen-
erally have all combined to give the
female subjects of the czar a mascu-
line mentality. It took the war to
change this to military feminism
which already has demonstrated that
the upper classes of Russian women
are ready to vote.

The Russian woman's argument for
suffrage is silent. It is not based
on street parades and flapping ban-
ners, as in America, or more violent
demonstrations, as in England, but
on a record of patriotic devotion and
heroism on the battle front. The mil-
itary regulations of the czar's forces
on land and sea decree that no women
may serve. These regulations are not
obeyed. Accounts of female heroism
come from every Russian battle front.

Everywhere Russian women are in
the midst of the struggle. Some of
the most blood soaked Russian battle-
fields are stained with feminine blood.
Base and field hospitals find count-
less nursing sisters. But it is the
fighting sister in the ranks that has
thrilled Russia during the last eigh-
teen months. The reports of bravery
of the nursing sisters is a secondary
chapter. The devotion of the lowliest
peasant woman to war work is an-
other. Here is the latest list of femi-
nine heroism, fresh from the front.

Mlle. Kokovtseva, decorated with
the St. George's cross for daring re-
cognizance work, though wounded.
She was a "cossack."

Mlle. Appollvia Islatev, changed her
name to become a common soldier
in the regiment of her father. She
carried him, dangerously wounded,
from a burning cottage to the rear.

Mlle. Maria Bieleverskaia, a private,
saw the major of her battalion fall
during a brush with the enemy. She
carried him to a place of safety. She
wears the St. George's cross of the
Third and Fourth class.

Mlle. Olga Schidrowskaia joined the
Russians as "Oleg Schidrowsky" after
her two brothers were killed at Sol-
dan. She clipped her hair short. She
will be decorated for valor.

Mlle. Olga Pietrowski seized her
colonel's sword after he fell, rallied
the regiment and took an Austrian
trench before falling mortally wound-
ed.

Such acts of feminine heroism have
been reported daily for months. Hos-
pitals throughout the empire all have
their "Amazon" wounded. There is
no surprise when a wounded soldier in
hospital proves to be a female. Be-
hind every wound is a story.

In most cases it is an extraordinary
story. These stories are common now
in Russia. There are in Petrograd hos-
pitals alone today more than 20 wound-
ed Russian girls. Half of them were
students before they joined the army.

NEGRO IS HANGED.

By United Press.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 15.—Henry
Sampson, a negro, was hanged at noon
today for the murder of J. C. Bur-
roughs on May 4.